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SUMMARY: GOJ STILL HAS NOT MADE DECISION RE FORMATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM DONORS GROUP. FONOFF REP WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH USAID AND IBRD DURING IMMINENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. GOJ WILL SUPPORT FORMATION OF LAOS SUB GROUP. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPT CONSULT CLOSELY WITH FONOFF REP DURING HIS VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF MET SEPT 27 WITH SEZAKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FIRST ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIVISION, FONOFF, TO CONVEY CONTENTS REF A AND TO REVIEW LATEST GOJ THINKING ON INDOCHINA DONORS' MEETING. DURING THE CONVERSATION, SEZAKI MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
A. AS REPORTED EARLIER (REF D), KYOAKI KIKUCHI, DEPUTY DIRGEN, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, WILL HEAD GOJ DELEGATION TO DONORS' MEETING (WHICH GOJ NOW UNDERSTANDS WILL BE HELD OCT. 17 AND 18). SEZAKI WILL ALSO ATTEND, AS WILL OFFICIALS OF OTHER MINISTRIES.
B. GOJ HAS NOT REACHED FINAL DECISION ON QUESTION OF FORMATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM DONOR SUB GROUP. AT PRESENT, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON THIS POINT, GOJ IS SAYING IT WILL GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY VIEW AT MEETING. MASAMI TANIDA, DIRECTOR, FIRST ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIVISION, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR SEPT 30 MEETING OF BANGLADESH DONORS, AND PLANS TO MEET WITH USAID OFFICIALS (WHITE AND REESE) OCT 1 AND ALSO WITH IBRD REPS TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION. GOJ ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO THESE PRE-MEETING CONSULTATIONS, AND DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL TANIDA'S RETURN. (DEPT MAY WISH TO SEEK OUT TANIDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.)
C. EVEN IF GOJ AND USG AGREE TO SUPPORT FORMATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM SUB-GROUP, SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE NO MEANING IF GOJ AND USG WERE ONLY GOVERNMENTS IN FAVOR. SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF OTHER DONORS AND IBRD/ADB IS NECESSARY FOR FORMATION OF EFFECTIVE SUB-GROUP. THUS, ONE IDEA TANIDA MAY RAISE IN WASHINGTON IS THAT IBRD OR ADB SHOULD PROPOSE FORMATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM GROUP AT DONORS MEETING. IBRD OR ADB
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LEADERSHIP WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ELICITING SUPPORT OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS, AND USG AND GOJ WOULD BE IN STRONGER POSITION SUPPORTING IBRD INITIATIVE THAN WOULD BE THE CASE IF EITHER GOVERNMENT WERE TAKING LEAD.
D. IN ANY EVENT, GOJ IS ALREADY MOVING FORWARD TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM (SEPTEL--NOTAL).
E. GOJ HAS NO OBJECTION TO FORMATION OF LAOS SUB-GROUP AND WILL SUPPORT FORMATION OF SUB-GROUP AT DONORS'

MEETING REGARDLESS OF WHO TAKES INITIATIVE ON THIS PROPOSAL.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT. (A) FONOFF REPS IN RECRNT CONVERSATIONS HAVE REPEATED THAT GOJ CONTINUES TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO HOLDING OF INDOCHINA DONORS' MEETING.
B) DEPT WILL RECALL THAT FOLLOWING FIRST DONORS' MEETING IN OCT. 1973 GOJ FELT USG HAD LET GOJ DOWN BY NOT SUPPORTING FORCEFULLY ENOUTH GOJ PROPOSAL FOR FORMATION OF SUB-GROUPS. KIKUCHI OF FONOFF MENTIONED THIS MATTER AGAIN DURING SEPT 24 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AND RED DIRECTOR RABIN. IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO MAXIMIZE CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF DONORS' MEETING, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS WITH TANIDA DURING HIS IMMINENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. C) RE QUESTION POSED REFI A AND B, FONOFF REPS HAVE NEVER INDICATED TO EMBASSY THAT ABSENCE OF WRITTEN GVN REQUEST TO IBRD THAT COORDINATING SUB-GROUP FOR SOUTH VIETNAM BE FORMED IS A FACTOR IN THEIR THINKING. END COMMENT.
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